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The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held their monthly business meeting on Thursday, June 9, 2016 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall. In attendance were Supervisor Ron Knott, Councilman Brian Chittenden, Councilwoman Kelley Williams, Councilman Edward Scott, Councilman Tom Burrall, Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli, Highway Superintendent Chuck Stiffler, and Attorney for the Town Tal Rappleyea.

Supervisor Knott opened the meeting at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion to approve the previous minutes with the correction requested by Supervisor Knott was made by Ed Scott, seconded by Kelley Williams and approved by unanimous vote.

A motion to approve the bills as presented was made by Tom Burrall, seconded by Brian Chittenden and was approved by unanimous vote.

Correspondence

- Letter from the NYS Dept. of Ag & Markets notifying us that the monthly review of the Dog Control Officer was okay.
- A letter requesting a letter of support from the Town for the Swyer Preserve to apply for a Grant.
- A report from the Berkshire Taconic Foundation
- A letter of introduction from "Spectrum" – the newly combined company of Time Warner and Charter Communications
- A letter from CDPHP notifying us of 2017 rates. An increase of 17½ % or \$6255 is expected. Supervisor Knott reminded everyone that this year's allowable tax cap is approximately \$479.
- The Bid Award list for 2016-17 for fuel and heating oil from Columbia County. New contracts begin July 1.
- A letter from NYS Tax & Finance notifying us that our Equalization rate is 100%. Supervisor Knott reported that there was an approximate \$2M increase in taxable value.
- A letter from NYS DOT approving the contract extension request for the Railroad Station renovation project. New completion date is December 2016.

Old Business

Ferry Road -- Supervisor Knott reported that a meeting had been held with DEC. DEC has a grant to do a study and the panel discussed various projects they are considering. Final determinations will be made and the Town will be notified in a few weeks.

Railroad Station – Supervisor Knott reported that progress is being. The copper roof is on and everything is going well.

Reports

Town Clerk – The Town Clerk and Tax Collector reports are on file in the Town Clerk's Office. Melissa Naegeli reported that the tax collection season ended on May 31 and collections were at 90%.

Recreation Committee – Kelley Williams reported she had spoken with the Town of Kinderhook and the summer program will run July 5th through August 12th. The price for our resident children will remain the same. Letters will be sent to families who had attended previously.

Railroad Station Committee – Marilyn Burch reported that the Strawberry Festival would be held on Friday, June 10th and there would be music, a farmers' market, food, a bake sale, and strawberry shortcake. The event will be held at the Town Hall from 4pm to 7pm.

Environmental Management Council – Report is on file from Town Representative Christian Sweningson.

Dog Control Officer – A report of no action was received.

Kinderhook Memorial Library – Lee Jamison reported that

- Big Truck Day will be Saturday, June 18th 11am – 2pm at Stuyvesant Town Hall;
- Friends of Library Book Sale will be held on June 11th at the McNary Center

Office for the Aging – Richard Moran reported that the OFA has partnered with Habitat for Humanity and has a new program to help seniors with home maintenance. The money will come from the DSS and the work will be provided by volunteers. Seniors should contact the OFA for additional information.

Councilman Ed Scott replied that his wife, Chantelle, is organizing a large work group for next Spring in this area through her church. He suggested that the group participate in this program while they are here.

Highway Department – Superintendent Chuck Stiffler reported that the following work is being done or has been completed:

- Paving;
- Culverts & aprons;
- Valley Paving will do paving on Gibbons Rd. & Lindenwald Avenue on Wednesday and Thursday. He asked Melissa Naegeli to get the word out via webpage and facebook;
- 5 Bids were received in response to the bid notice for a new truck, body, and plow. The bids were opened on June 2nd at a public opening and the bid was awarded to Sawyer for \$48,537.50.

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Councilman Brian Chittenden read the following resolution and a roll call vote was taken by Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli.

RESOLUTION
TOWN OF STUYVESANT TOWN BOARD
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WHEREAS, the Town Highway department of the Town of Stuyvesant desires to acquire a pickup truck with a utility body to provide more timely service and

WHEREAS, The town discussed options on the subject for several months and developed a list of needs for this new truck

WHEREAS, the town could not find the desired truck on state contract, and

WHEREAS, the town board advertised for bids on an acceptable truck complete with body and plow, pursuant to General Municipal Law 103 (16)

WHEREAS, the town received on June 2nd five bids for a truck fitting the description, bids were open and read aloud at a public meeting, and later reviewed for completeness, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Stuyvesant Town Board approves the purchase of a truck to Sawyer Motors for the purchase price of \$48,537.50

<u>Town Board Members</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Ronald Knott	X		
Brian Chittenden	X		
Kelly Williams	X		
Tom Burrell	X		
Edward Scott	X		

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Highway Superintendent Chuck Stiffler also reported that the employees had attended safety training; would be helping the Town of Chatham with paving under “shared services” program; and 2 trucks previously labelled “surplus” had been sold at auction for approximately \$9,000.

Assessor’s Office – Cathy Knott reported Grievance Day was held on May 24, 2016 and determinations had been mailed.

Planning/Zoning Boards – Supervisor Knott asked Tal Rappleyea to follow up with Ray Jurkowski regarding a date for the in-house training previously discussed.

Marilyn Burch reported that she and Gale Bury had attended the land use seminar. She also reported that they, along with Howard Gibbons, would be attending the Solar seminar upcoming at Columbia Greene Community College.

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Historian – Juanita Knott asked Melissa Naegeli to first discuss the 5K Race. Melissa reported that flyers were out and sponsorship letters were being prepared. This year there will be the kids' 1 mile run, the 5K Race/Walk, and a new addition of a Duathlon (run/bike/run). The bike route will go up in to Kinderhook Village to tie together with the theme of Historic Stuyvesant Day.

Mrs. Knott reported that we will be working in conjunction with the Friends of Lindenwald to celebrate the arrival of Martin VanBuren back to Kinderhook. While plans are still be developed, the Ghent Band will be at the Stuyvesant Landing playing during the reenactment of the President's arrival by boat, provided by the Stuyvesant Fire Company #1. There will be displays and refreshments at the RR Station. The reenactment actors will be taken by horse and carriage away from the landing. The program will then continue in Kinderhook Square with speeches, children's games, and food. In lieu of the picnic, the Boy Scouts will set up a concession. The program is scheduled 2:30 – 4:00pm and the square will be closed to traffic. Invitations are going out to other towns.

Supervisor Knott added that the live cannon fire at the Landing will cost \$300. Councilman Burrall said he would ask the American Legion if they would sponsor that cost. Supervisor Knott also reported that he had left a message with someone regarding the horse carriage.

Cemetery – Councilman Scott reported that he has received a new schedule of fees from Split Line and is trying to contact for clarification of services.

ZEO/Building Inspector – Report on file.

Town Hall – Supervisor Knott thanked the Highway Dept. for their work around the Town Hall, the grounds look nice.

County Government

- Solar Seminar at Columbia Greene Community College with Dave Everett will be held on June 22nd.
- Population estimates by Town have been received and are on file if anyone would like to see them.
- A Broadband Committee has been established by the County to ensure that everyone is "on the same page". The Committee is made up of Supervisors and Town Representatives. Supervisor Knott reported that he had asked Rich Eckel to represent Stuyvesant.

New Business

- Councilman Ed Scott made a motion to appoint Jeff Jensen to the position of Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Kelley Williams and was approved by unanimous vote.
- Highway Superintendent Chuck Stiffler reported that the "Welcome to Stuyvesant" sign on 9J needs to be repaired. The sign was moved but is okay. The Board approved the replacement of the damaged post.

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- Mr. Stiffler also reported that there was a lot of garbage being left at the Sandbar in Stuyvesant Falls. He and Supervisor Knott will contact the new Resident Sheriff's Deputy, Jason Garvey, to ask for additional patrolling.

Board Comments

No comments

Public Comments

Marilyn Burch asked if the workers at the tracks had any kind of contract or agreement with the Town because the many railroad ties had been piled there for a while and it smells very bad.

Highway Superintendent Chuck Stiffler reported that he is talking with the County Engineer regarding speed limits on Church and Riverview Streets.

Lee Jamison reported that there was a trail maintenance day planned for the trails at Ken Hummel Park on June 25th 10am-2pm. She added that during the Bird Walk the bluebird houses were check.

Rich Moran said there appeared to be a lot of erosion at the shoreline and asked if that was NYS DEC. Supervisor Knott explained that the Army Corp. of Engineers controlled the shoreline.

Mike Naegeli reported that the traffic light at 9J/Ferry Rd./Route 46 was now turned on and working.

A motion to adjourn was made by Brian Chittenden, seconded by Kelley Williams and was approved by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Melissa A. Naegeli, RMC
Town Clerk*

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Abstract of Vouchers presented and approved at June 2016 meeting:

<u>CLAIM #</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>A/C#</u>	<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>LND/FALLS</u>	<u>HIGHWAY</u>
214	CDPHP (2964.96)	9060.8	432.84		2,532.12
215	NYS Office of State Comptroller	A2610	125.00		
216	Johnson Newspaper (78.72)	1410.4	23.84		
		1355.4	13.84		
		5130.4	41.04		
217	Time Warner Cable (395.17)	1620.4	269.76		
		5132.4	125.41		
218	National Grid (1101.25)	5182.4		550.62	
				550.63	
219	National Grid	1620.4	21.51		
220	National Grid	5132.4	80.55		
221	Constellation	5182.4		139.01	
				150.03	
222	Constellation	5132.4	64.96		
223	Paychex of NY LLC	1320.4	177.71		
224	Xerox Corporation	1410.4	145.02		
225	Marlin Business Bank	1620.4	114.00		
226	Col Co Treasurer (Solid Waste)	8160.4	2,339.19		
227	Business Automation Svcs (50.80)	1410.4	5.95		
		1355.4	5.95		
		8020.4	5.95		
		3620.4	5.95		
		1220.4	5.95		
		1620.4	21.05		
	<i>6/2/16 totals</i>		<i>4,025.47</i>	<i>1,390.29</i>	<i>2,532.12</i>
228	Tal G. Rappyea, Esq.	1420.4	1,156.25		
229	Staples Business Advantage (20.52)	1410.4	5.94		
		1110.4	14.58		
230	Col Co Treasurer (Solid Waste)	8160.4	87.17		
231	National Grid	1620.4	21.02		
232	Col Co Treasurer (Sheriff's Dept)	1110.4	191.45		
233	County Waste	5132.4	88.28		
234	Culligan	5132.4	28.93		
235	Rainbow Distributors	5132.4	41.96		
236	Lowe's	5132.4	87.70		
237	Verizon Wireless	5010.4	69.16		
238A	Mario's Home Center	5132.4	63.01		

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238B	Mario's Home Center	5130.4			5.49
239	ComTech	5130.4			150.00
240	Airgas USA, LLC	5130.4			20.80
241	Monroe Tractor & Implement Co.	5130.4			31.88
242	New Castle Asphalt, LLC	5110.4			653.85
243	Paraco Gas Co.	5110.4			414.12
244	J.C. Smith, Inc.	5130.4			1,804.72
245	CarQuest of Valatie	5130.4			185.87
246	Tractor Supply	5130.4			127.41
247	John Deere Financial	5130.4			332.23
248	Inter City Tire	5130.4			507.78
249	Fleet Services	5110.4			203.29
250	SMG	1620.4	233.64		
251	Charles Stiffler (<i>reimbursement</i>)	5010.4	304.02		
252	Col Co Assoc Town Superintendents				
	Paychex of NY LLC	1320.4	189.00		
	<i>June 9 totals</i>		<i>2,393.11</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>4,437.44</i>
	<i>June Totals</i>		<i>6,418.58</i>	<i>1,390.29</i>	<i>6,969.56</i>